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Title: JOINED BODIES AND A METHOD OF PRODUCING THE SAME

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- 23 Page(s) of Specification
- 3 Page(s) of Claims
- 1 Page(s) of Abstract
- 8 Sheets of Formal Drawings (Figs. 1-8(b))

B. Other Papers Enclosed

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- [x] A Submission of Certified Copy of Priority Document and a certified copy of:

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[x] An Information Disclosure Statement

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